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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THEATER CLEARANCE TO VISIT UAE - COLONEL

RICHARD C. MARTIN, US ARMY WAR COLLEGE

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1. DEPARTMENT WAS NOT RPT NOT ADDRESSEE ON REF CABLE WHICH INFORMED THIS AND SELECTED OTHER NEA POSTS OF PROPOSED AREA VISIT IN SEPTEMBER OF ARMY WAR COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER COLONEL RICHARD C. MARTIN TO DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR AWC ACADEMIC YEAR 1978 COURSES COVERING QUOTE SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS, INTERNAL ANDEXTERNAL THREATS, MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY FORCES, AND ONGOING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONS OF THE PERSIAN GULF. END QUOTE. REFTEL INDICATED DOD/ISA AND DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR VISIT IS PENDING.

2. REFTEL UNCLEAR ABOUT PRECISELY WHAT COLONEL MARTIN WISHES TO DO DURING TWO DAYS HE PROPOSES SPEND IN ABU DHABI OTHER THAN TO VISIT EMBASSY. FRANKLY, WE DOUBT THERE IS MUCH INFORMATION IN OUR FILES ON REGIONAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UAE SECURITY MATTERS THAT IS NOT ALREADY AVAILABLE TO COLONEL MARTIN IN WASHINGTON. BRIEF DURATION OF HIS STAY HERE WOULD NOT GIVE HIM SUFFICIENT TIME FOR GROUND RECONNAISSANCE OF UAE, INCLUDING VISIT TO NORTHERN EMIRATES. REFTEL DOES NOT RPT NOT ASK FOR MEETINGS WITH HIST COUNTRY MILITARY PERSONNEL. WE IN ANY EVENT WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETINGS SINCE UAE MILITARY, STILL RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTI-

CATED AND UNACCUSTOMED TO WIDE-RANGING INTERESTS OF US MILITARY SCHOOLS, MAY MISUNDERSTAND PURPOSE OF COLONEL MARTIN'S VISIT.

- 3. FOR THESE REASONS WE HOPE DEPARTMENT OFFICES CONCERNED WILL SCRUTINIZE CAREFULLY RATIONALE FOR MARTIN VISIT TO UAE, ESPECIALLY ARGUMENT SUBMITTED IN REFTEL THAT LATEST INFORMATION ON POLITICAL, SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN REGION NOT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE.
- 4. IF AFTER SUCH CAREFUL SCRUTINY DEPARTMENT NEVERTHELESS CONCURS THAT MARTIN VISIT TO UAE DESIRABLE IN SEPTEMBER, WE WILL OF COURSE DO OUR BEST ACCOMMODATE HIM AND NAKE HIM FEEL WELCOME. HOWEVER, IT WOULD THEN BE MOST USEFUL RECEIVE PRIOR HIS ARRIVAL HERE FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT SPECIFIC TYPES OF INFORMATION HE SEEKING AND HIS EXPECTATIONS RE INTERNAL TRAVEL WITHIN UAE OR MEETINGS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OR OTHER NON-USG PERSONNEL.
- 5. ASSUME COLONEL MARTIN AWARE THAT DURING MID-SEPTEMBER MUSLIM WORLD WILL BE CELEBRATING EID AL-FITR HOLIDY WHICH COULD IMPACT UPON SUCCESS OF HIS MISSION.
- 6. WERE MARTIN VISIT TO UAE APPROVED AND HE TRAVELLING ON ON EITHER AN OFFICIAL OR A SERVICE PASSPORT, HE SHOULD OBTAIN UAE VISA PRIOR RPT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN ABU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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